

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 2, 1886.  
HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.  
TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:  
MAIL. MAIL.  
Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:40 P. M.  
Going North: 8:30 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.  
Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the FREE PRESS at \$3.50—cash in advance.

A fresh lot of jellies and corn-starch at McALLISTER'S.

A nice and cheap line of overcoats at J. S. Killian's.

Seed oats for sale at JOHNSON & JOHNSON'S.

Get your overcoats, both ladies' and gents', at J. S. Killian's.

A variety of fresh canned goods, at McALLISTER'S.

A fine assortment of boots and shoes very cheap at J. S. Killian's.

If you want to see an honest wool-face horse collar, call on BOB PORTER.

Fresh prunes, currants and raisins, at McALLISTER'S.

Call on J. S. Killian for dry goods. He leads them all in low prices.

Those fine wicker rockers have come and are for sale cheap for cash. J. W. Nance & Bro.

WARRANTY DEEDS for sale at the FREE PRESS office.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos.

CROP MORTGAGES at the FREE PRESS Office.

Buy your wife one of Lane's Patent Flour Chests for a Christmas gift. Something at once useful and ornamental. Manufactured and sold by E. S. Mackin.

While many are despondent over alleged hard times, Cattie is cheerful and keeps raking in the coin of Uncle Sam's realm. He is succeeding because he keeps what people want, gives them prompt and reliable attention, and sells at remarkably low figures. Try him.

I am in receipt of a carload of the celebrated Newton Wagons, second to none in the market, and offer the same at low prices and liberal terms. Also received a car of Belmont steel rails. Wm. Giesen, Agent.

Mrs. Richardson  
Has this week another large supply of goods in her line.

Wanted,  
A load or two of cotton seed. Apply at FREE PRESS OFFICE.

"BLUE GRASS" SULKY PLOW.  
The New Plow. For sale by G. W. DONALSON & Co.

Lane's Patent Flour Chests  
For sale by E. S. MACKIN.

Hanging Lamps.  
We will have some beautiful ones, suitable for Christmas presents. G. W. DONALSON & Co.

For Rent,  
A cottage of three rooms besides kitchen, two lots, enclosed; sheds, hydrant and cistern water. Apply at FREE PRESS office.

Cassaday Sulkies  
the only sulky plow giving entire satisfaction. For sale by Wm. GIESSEN, Sole Agent. Barb wire lower than ever.

I am Agent for McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons, Deer plows, Cassidy sulky plows, Standard cultivators, Bookwater hay rakes, Wheeler Thrashers and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms. Wm. GIESSEN.

For Sale.  
My residence in San Marcos, consisting of two large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. G. WOODCOCK, June 17th San Marcos.

Notice.  
I have placed all my accounts in the hands of P. G. Garrison, for collection. All knowing themselves indebted will please come forward at once and settle, and thereby save costs. THEODORE HERRING. Nov. 11. 1m.

We are going to give away, from now to Dec. 1st, a Casket of Silver Ware, to any one who will act as our Agent and send us orders. Any LADY or GENTLEMAN desiring profitable employment, that will send their names and address to the Wallingford Silver Co., Wallingford, Ct., will receive one Free. nov1118

Next week Misses Russell & Ellison will open their fall line of the finest and most beautiful display ever seen in San Marcos. A particular feature will be the large stock of Elegant Plush Goods, and Fine Perfumery, exquisite novelties in hammered brass and lovely ware in Bohemian cut glass, in addition to their fall line of albums, books, dolls, toys, &c., &c.

ESTRAY NOTICE.  
Estrayed by J. R. Burleson, county commissioner, precinct No. 3, following stock, to-wit:  
Bay mare, 4 years old, 14 hands high, brand a red on left thigh.  
Bay mare, 8 years old, 14 hands high, brand a Y over the eye and 6 connected.  
Dark bay mare, 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, brand on left side 7ND connected.  
All appraised \$40.00.  
Witness my hand Nov. 15, 1886.  
Jas. G. BRIDGES.  
Clerk of County Court, Hays Co.

If you want a good, square meal and a nice, clean bed to rest your weary bones upon, stop at the Kentucky Hotel, near passenger depot, at Kyle.

See card of Mrs. M. M. Souter, boarding.

The beautiful weather is a thing of the past.

We are gratified again to have a Kyle correspondent.

See changes in time of arrival of trains on this page.

See new advertisements of G. W. Reed & Co. and Dailey Bros.

See prospectus of Courier-Journal, with clubbing announcement.

Read the corrected directory of district and county officers on our local page.

In spite of the "hard times" the educational institutions of our county seem to be prospering.

There has been an unusually large number of the "knights of the gripsack" in town the past few days.

The Ladies Missionary Society are called to meet at the Methodist church, Friday evening, Dec. 3, at 3 o'clock.

By an odd coincidence two of our new and welcome correspondents it will be seen selected the same nom de plume.

A Thanksgiving ball came off at the residence of Mrs. Prescott Thursday night. It is probably the first of the season.

See prospectus of the old New York Observer, a first-class religious and secular paper, separate yet combined in one.

A call for a National Congress of Farmers, to meet at Washington, addressed to Col. Sledge will be found on our first page.

Mr. Stein was buried by the Knights of Honor, of which order he was a member. Elder Williamson was also in attendance.

We learn a Mexican was bitten on the arm by a venomous snake last week, from which he had to have the arm amputated.

The Hose Company was out on Thursday evening testing their new hose, and expressed themselves as well satisfied with it.

The Water Company has been making extensions in their pipes lately. We expect to give a review of their recent work next week.

The "Diamond King" Medicine Co.'s traveling advertising troupe is in town, giving free open air concerts on the Square daily.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church is requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. Kone this (Thursday) evening at 3 o'clock.

The Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church on Thursday morning and night were largely attended, and the programme well suited to the occasion.

A most enjoyable Thanksgiving party was given on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. John F. McGeehee. Miss Lulu McGeehee, the hostess, acquitted herself admirably.

ATTENTION.—All the young men of San Marcos interested in having a good time Christmas Day are requested to meet at the Court House on Monday evening next at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 6. By order of the committee.

Thanksgiving Day was more generally observed this year than for some years previous. From dawn till dusk the day was as lovely as could be. Many of our citizens took advantage of beautiful weather and went hunting.

The Methodist brethren are busily preparing for the reception of their new minister. The parsonage and church are being repainted and repaired, and they expect to have the parsonage refurbished and everything ready at his coming.

As every one knows, Rev. Mr. Harris, at the late conference, was transferred from this charge, and Rev. Mr. Biggs put in his place. In accordance therewith Mr. Harris took final leave of his people on Sunday morning. He addressed the Sunday-school and preached at 11 o'clock. Their parting was very affecting indeed, as the people—the children especially—had become warmly attached to him. He said, in his remarks to the Sunday-school, that he had noticed that those Sunday school classes whose teachers were absent promptly in their places were invariably also attended promptly and fully. As a manifestation of their estimation of him, he was given a ringing vote. In response for the school, Judge Sterling Fisher replied to Mr. Harris in appropriate remarks.

Coronal Notes.  
BY "LAD."  
Since Laes thinks of resuming her literary labors this week, and as the lares of Coronal usually exhort the lares in everything else, "LAD" will now appear before the public and endeavor prove which is the greater author, Laes or LAD.

The Senators were prepared to enjoy Thanksgiving; they had just completed two written examinations of this "scholastic year."

Miss Sallie McGeehee began to take art at the College Monday. All who heard the names and address to the Wallingford Silver Co., Wallingford, Ct., will receive one Free.

Some zealous pupil, whose desire for knowledge is greater than his memory, has endeavored to aid the latter by engraving on the keys of the piano their names.

It seems that a certain young lady is very fond of turnips, from the way we saw her smiling at one the other day.

As this is my first attempt, and I am not desirous of wearing my readers, I will now remind the public that "justice is ever tempered with mercy," and retire into oblivion until next week.

For 20 years Henry F. Babson, of Shirley, Mass., suffered with rheumatism. He found no relief till he took Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Lecture on Temperance.  
Rev. Jas. Young will lecture on Temperance at the Methodist church on tomorrow (Friday) evening. All are invited.

## Mite Social.

There will be a Mite Social at the residence of Mrs. Garrett, on next Friday evening. Musical offerings by Misses Sidney Kone, Melba Harper, Mattie Reed and Lil- the McLeish. Band selections by Miss Lulu McGeehee, Mrs. B. W. Smith, J. A. Thomas and C. W. Gregory. All are invited to attend, both old and young, and, if convenient, bring along a nickel for the Mite Box.

## Henley.

HENLEY, TEXAS, Nov. 27, 1886.  
Ed. FREE PRESS.—Well, winter has come. Ice, snow and sleet all at once. Wm. Robert Jackson was married to Miss Sibell Patton, of Blanco county, since my last. W. R. D. Watson has gone back to his old home in Kentucky on business. Henry Liso, of Williamson county, and M. L. Reed, of Henley, traded to-day by which the latter has charge of the Liso pastures and one hundred head of cattle for five years. M. L. Reed has opened a store at Henley, and takes for goods anything he can turn into money, such as butter, eggs, raw hides, corn and oats. The Farmers Alliance give him a good trade.

HIGH OXON.  
Kyle, Texas, Nov. 30, 1886.

EDITOR FREE PRESS.—Some of the citizens were out Sunday night trying to run about a half dozen tramps out of town. Inasmuch as most of them deny having anything to do with it we suppose that their success was not very great.

Mr. D. A. Barbee is negotiating with Col. R. J. Sledge for 1000 acres of land at his ranch four miles east of town, on which is situated his residence, gin and other improvements. The trade is not yet closed.

Miss Annie, the accomplished daughter of our fellow-townsmen, Prof. H. H. Storts, and who has been lingering at a point between life and death for some time with typhoid fever, is reported some better.

Mr. Duntin, pastor of the Baptist church at this place, has seen fit under existing circumstances to have nightly services of prayer.

An infant daughter of Mr. Clyburn, who has lately come here, died yesterday evening after a short illness. Also Maj. Rector whose death was brought on by hard drink.

Miss Florence Ellison is reported very low with typhoid fever.

The Ladies Guild, which is run on the same order as the Knights of Labor, are practicing for another concert, to take place Christmas.

The Literary Society, composed of the young men of the two schools, is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Yarbrough returned this morning from Austin, bringing with her her son, Mr. Amos Yarbrough, who has been confined to his bed for three weeks with sickness.

The Jewish rite of circumcision was performed upon the infant son of Mr. L. Hyplinski, Sunday.

Prof. Robertson, a lecturer on phrenology and physiognomy, has been here about a week, and has organized a class in the study of those sciences.

Cotton coming in slow.  
Business quiet.  
Weather pleasant.

Morrill Memorial Hall is nearing completion.

Dripping Springs Notes.  
The town is still increasing in population.

Professor Horsley has a young daughter at his house; that means another pair of socks.

Such a life! Cool nothings are coming here often; fine weather for saving meat. There is plenty cotton daily passing here en route to Austin. Movers in great numbers are still traveling east and west. The nights are getting pretty cool for the little folks to camp out. A good rain would be a help to the farmers in the way of plowing.

There are a few boys in town—in a fact, nearly young men—who are breaking window lights, with negro shooters, out of peoples' houses. Stop it, boys, before you are lawfully put to pay. Some of the farmers are holding cotton for higher prices. We hope it will not be in vain. Business is dull here for this season of the year. Cattle are in a fine condition to stand the winter.

Our school closed Wednesday on account of Thanksgiving. We will not be plenty to eat good work. The man that can't get the worth of his fifty cents will be a poor eater. Mr. J. A. Smith and family, from San Marcos, are here visiting old neighbors in and around this place.

Thomas Whitte, a son of E. F. Whitte, while roping a wild steer, was jerked from his horse breaking his leg below the knee, besides badly bruising him up. Not being able to learn all the particulars, we hope it is not fatal.

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## PERSONAL.

Lee Cox was in town Sunday.

Chapman is again alone in business.

Judge Wood left the first of the week for Leon county.

Mrs. Geo. M. Briggs paid San Antonio a visit last week.

Miss Lizzie Leavell ("Dessie Smith") is visiting in Williamson county.

Joe. A. Jones, son of Dr. J. J. Jones, has come here from Arkansas to reside.

Young Mr. Stuart, late of the Clerk's office, has left for San Antonio, where he has found a position.

Mr. Ezell, Sr., left the first of the week to attend to his business at his old home in Mississippi.

Mr. Joel Borden, who has been spending some time in the city, left for his home in Robinson county on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Biggs, the new Methodist preacher at this place, is expected to arrive this evening (Thursday) and will preach on Sunday.

Services were held at the Presbyterian church on Saturday night and Sunday morning by Rev. John Young, theological student in Austin Seminary.

Mrs. McAllister and Mrs. Durham are spending some time at Burdette's Wells. Reports have been received of a decided improvement in the health of both.

County Attorney Neighbors, we notice, is busy preparing for his regular campaign against violators of the law. We trust he will make it aggressive and decisive.

Rev. Mr. Gillett preached at the Methodist church on Sunday night. It is probably his last sermon to our people, as he has left to take charge of his new work at Luling.

Mr. Postmaster McMeans informs us that he sold \$237 worth of postage stamps and stamped envelopes during the month just closed—the largest sale heretofore made.

C. B. Capron has removed to Austin, having taken a position with Hazzard & Co. He will, however, continue to do occasional work over in this direction in the way of tuning instruments, etc.

Mrs. Ch. Von Stein, widow of the late A. Von Stein, deceased, desires to return her heartfelt thanks for the kindness of all those who attended and cared for Mr. Stein in his last illness, and to the kind friends who attended and assisted at his burial.

Columbus Citizen: The San Marcos FREE PRESS contains a long account of the marriage, on the 13th, of Mr. E. L. Thomas, formerly of this place, and Miss Kate Gabel, of San Marcos. The Citizen extends cordial congratulations and best wishes for a happy future.

We regret to learn of the continued illness of Mr. Smith, Sr., one of the Johnson Dayton victims. We learn he needs more attention from our people than he is receiving, his family being worn out in caring for him. Never let it be said that we fail in our attention to our own destitute first of all.

We regret very much to have to record the death of Dr. Josiah T. Mathis, which took place on yesterday morning, at his residence in Austin. He was the distinguished oculist of the Blind Asylum and in general practice, and gentleman of sterling qualities of head and heart. His place can not easily be filled.

Rev. Mr. Arnold writes us renewing his subscription to the FREE PRESS for another year. He says: "I still have an interest in San Marcos and must have the news. I will rejoice with you in every triumph of right and truth." He adds: "Kentucky is moving on grandly toward prohibition. Several counties voted local option in November."

Mr. Garnett, secretary of Hays county Farmers' Alliance, has favored us with a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the State Alliance. Thanks. It is only quite recently that we learned that Mr. Garnett resides near Henley. A man of his intelligence should not hide his light under a bushel, but shine down into "the Lowlands" and become acquainted.

A. Von Stein was buried on Monday. He was once partner of Mr. Giesen, in a good business, also postmaster at this place, where he had a nice home of his own. He was a good business man, familiar with the Spanish language. A model of manly health and vigor. But the reason for drink, and a wreck of all his fair prospects and domestic happiness, and brought him to an untimely end. How many more lessons will be required to induce people to dash down the intoxicating cup?

By a stray copy of the Washington, Hempstead county, Ark., Press, we find that our venerable townsman, Mr. Phillips, for many years postmaster at Washington, is an historic character